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LASERACTIVE CRYSTALS WITH POLARISATION-DEPENDENT  
ABSORPTION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining the above-referenced  
application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.